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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following copending and commonly assigned patent application to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/907,638 in the name of ARAI, entitled "DIAPHRAGM APPARATUS OF LENS FOR CCTV CAMERA", which was filed on July 19, 2001.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-mentioned application is attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of this U.S. patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted, Takaaki HASHIMOTO

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